

**Senior U.S. District Judge W. Earl Britt**  
**Practice Preferences**

**CRIMINAL CASES:**

Counsel are advised in regard to cases set for sentencing that no oral testimony with regard to character evidence will be received. Letters, affidavits, or other written communications in that respect (not to exceed ten (10) pages) should be furnished to the court prior to the date of sentencing.

Counsel are requested to review the attached memorandum regarding hearings on motions for downward departure: [Rule 35 motions](#)

In all cases for trial, in addition to filing with the Clerk of Court, counsel shall submit documents required by Local Criminal Rules 24.1. and 30.1, E.D.N.C., electronically to: [documents\\_judge\\_britt@nced.uscourts.gov](mailto:documents_judge_britt@nced.uscourts.gov) (this email address is receipt only).

**CIVIL CASES:**

If a case is settled but the documents necessary to effectuate the settlement are not filed prior to 4:00p.m. On the last business day preceding calendar call, counsel are not relieved of their obligation to attend calendar call.

The attention of counsel is directed to Local Civil Rules 45.1, 48.1 and 54.2, E.D.N.C.

The court encourages full exercise of civil trial jurisdiction by magistrate judges pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

All counsel are reminded to review Local Civil Rules 39.1-39.4, E.D.N.C.

In all cases, in addition to filing with the Clerk of Court, counsel shall submit documents required by Local Civil Rules 39.1, 51.1, and 52.1, E.D.N.C., electronically to: [documents\\_judge\\_britt@nced.uscourts.gov](mailto:documents_judge_britt@nced.uscourts.gov) (this email address is receipt only).

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Send proposed orders electronically in WordPerfect format to:  
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Exhibits may be used during opening statements only by agreement of counsel.

Scheduling conflicts must be resolved by compliance with the Guidelines for Resolving Scheduling Conflicts, rather than by motion.